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Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC)

VIA:

Eloise R. Page  
Chairman

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FROM:

[redacted]  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Status Report on CIPC Projects and Activities

1. Since the Committee did not convene in December, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you a brief status report on the most significant projects and activities currently being addressed by the Committee and staff. [redacted]

2. International Terrorism: In a memorandum of 28 November 1983, the DCI tasked the CIPC to initiate a "fast-track" baseline review on how the Intelligence Community is handling, and organized to handle, this growing problem. In response to the DCI's tasking to provide an interim report by Christmas Eve, we have convened an ad hoc working group consisting of Community experts on this subject. The ad hoc working group has met twice, to date, and has completed an initial draft. The draft report is presently being fine-tuned, and is scheduled for Community coordination by 21 December. We plan to forward the report to the DCI by 23 December and will concurrently provide you a copy. Subsequent to this interim report, the Committee will undertake a detailed study of all intelligence aspects of the terrorism problem to include collection, dissemination, production and probably, and most importantly, coordination. [redacted]

3. Soviet Ballistic Missile Defenses: The DCI has also directed us to conduct a "fast track" study on this subject. Although, we are not under the same time constraints on this study as we are with the International Terrorism problem, the DCI has tasked the CIPC to undertake action immediately to study this problem for the purpose of making recommendations for Intelligence Community actions. It is our understanding that the DCI wants a full-time task force of Community representatives to work this problem, and provide

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interim recommendations, as appropriate. We are in the process of formulating our plans and timelines for addressing this subject. We will keep you posted as they materialize. [REDACTED]

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4. Soviet Mobile Missiles: This is another area of considerable concern to the DCI, and it is highly likely that he will task the Committee to conduct a study on this intelligence problem in the immediate future. As you know, the WSSIC is currently studying a portion of this intelligence problem. Although the NIO/SP has requested that WSSIC accelerate this study effort, it appears that the CIPC will be tasked to study the Soviet Mobile Missile problem in a much broader context using the WSSIC study as the basis of our effort. Any associated intelligence gaps and resource requirements to monitor the development, production, and location of all Soviet mobile missile systems will receive particular attention. [REDACTED]

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5. Soviet Strategic Cruise Missile Study: The study was approved by the DCI at the 14 December NFIC Meeting. The staff is presently fine tuning the report in accordance with NFIC recommendations. Our next step is to have the report, at both classification levels, printed and disseminated for implementation within the next couple of weeks. [REDACTED]

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6. Narcotics Study: This study is also undergoing final typing and editorial review. It should be ready in early January 1984 for forwarding to the DCI. One of the many purposes of this report was to satisfy an SSCI requirement for the DDCI to provide them a report by 31 December on the Intelligence Community's progress and activities in supporting the US narcotics interdiction program. Because of the mechanics involved (Community coordination, DCI approval, etc.), it was becoming increasingly difficult to meet the 31 December date. We therefore requested and were granted a 30-day extension by the SSCI. [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] This study effort is well underway. Two of the three sub-groups have been meeting regularly, and it appears that each will have its respective inputs to the study completed on schedule--end of January. However, we did experience some delay in getting the Technology Transfer aspects of the study started. We anticipate that this sub-working group will catch up rapidly and meet its production deadline as well. [REDACTED]

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8. Soviet CBW Intelligence Problem: The CIPC Staff is finalizing a Terms of Reference (TOR) and a discussion paper for initiating a study on Soviet CBW. The draft TOR and discussion paper will be forwarded for your review and comment in the immediate future. During our investigation of this subject, strong Community support was expressed for the CIPC to form a Working Group and undertake a comprehensive, systematic review and develop recommendations that will enhance the Intelligence Community's capability to monitor Soviet capabilities for chemical, biological, and toxin warfare. [REDACTED]

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9. Finally, many of you are aware that the DCI has chartered the CIPC with a major new challenge in evaluating collection strategy mixes in relation to developing national strategy and intelligence needs. To accomplish this task, the CIPC will be supported by appropriate Intelligence Community and IC Staff elements and by an ad hoc group composed of senior officials representing the Program Managers. The resultant evaluations will be submitted to the NFIB and NFIC for substantive and programmatic review. We will then, in conjunction with the appropriate committees, examine the adequacy and balance of the collection mix against each Target/Topic. In an effort to implement this new charter, the Chairman, CIPC, will soon be convening a planning session of appropriate senior Intelligence Community and Collection Committee representatives to establish the definition of mix assessment, methodologies, and a schedule for proceeding. Miss Page plans to submit to the DCI a detailed plan and timetable for accomplishing the forgoing by mid-January 1984. [REDACTED]

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10. In conclusion, it has been a pleasure serving you during the year. The Committee's approach to problem solving, and the perspective in which each of you deal with these problems, has been educational and insightful for the CIPC staff. During the Committee's brief tenure, we believe it has had a significant effect on some very difficult intelligence problems. We look forward with great anticipation to 1984. [REDACTED]

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